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Huskies



► Linemen with the Saint Mary's Huskies do battle during practice at Huskies Stadium on Thursday afternoon, in preparation for Saturday's showdown against the unbeaten Acadia Axemen. The game is set for 2 p.m. at Saint Mary's. Story, page 32.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Patients flood into ER at QEII

► Emergency patient volumes have steadily increased over past five years ► Province said in March Nova Scotia's health authorities will receive same amount of funding as last year — about \$1.6 billion



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It was a record-breaking summer at the QEII's emergency room and things show no signs of stopping.

In July 5,927 patients were registered in the ER, breaking a record for that month. The highest-ever number of patients seen in the ER — 5,956 — was registered in August.

"We used to get 30 ambulances a day and now we get 45," said Sam Campbell, chief of emergency medicine.

"It does appear this is what's going to happen from now on."

Campbell said he doesn't know the reasons behind the influx, but it seems to be the same story across the province and country. And not only are there more ER patients, but they're sicker too, he said.

"One of our big challenges is



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

► Registered nurse Nickie Bourdage, left, and paramedic Kim Joyce tend to patient Ray Forrest at the QEII on Thursday.

offloading ambulances, because it's gotten to the stage where we're tying up ambulances and people calling for ambulances can't get them because they're all tied up at the QEII."

The QEII was struggling to meet national guidelines for wait times, but somehow times have improved amid the flood of patients, Campbell said.

A rapid assessment unit was

Paramedics chip in

About 30 per cent of patients now see paramedics instead of a nurse in the emergency department at the QEII.

► "They use these rapid-turnover beds so paramedics do suturing, casting and X-ray ordering and things like that," said Sam Campbell, chief of emergency medicine.

established in the QEII a year ago to ease the strain on the ER and has diverted about 20 per cent of patients. This unit is for patients who have already received emergency care at the QEII or another hospital and are waiting to be admitted for further care.

"It's been an enormous success. These patients come in and they get seen much quicker," Campbell said.

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Ophelia set to darken our shore

Tropical storm Ophelia is now churning in the Caribbean but she'll be making tracks for Atlantic Canada's coast come Sunday.

Newfoundland will receive the brunt of the storm, but Nova Scotia will see strong winds and possibly rain thanks to Ophelia.

Doug Mercer, meteorologist with the Canadian Hurricane Centre, said Ophelia is forecast to develop into a Category 1 hurricane late Thursday but be downgraded to a tropical storm again by the time it reaches Atlantic Canada.

"There's still some uncertainty about where ex-

actly she will move into Atlantic Canada, but the highest likelihood is eastern Newfoundland but there's still a chance it may get as far west as Cape Breton," he said.

"You're going to be on the periphery."

But Nova Scotia isn't getting off that easy: An unrelated fall storm is

moving into the Atlantic region on Saturday, bringing rain, especially for eastern and central parts of the province.

"As Ophelia approaches, some of the moisture from that may or may not enhance the rainfall amounts over eastern Nova Scotia."

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

Philippe is next

Hurricane season is still in full swing, and another storm, Philippe, is gaining momentum in the eastern Pacific.

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Are these pictures of you? If so, police need to know

▶ Anyone with information is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers



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Police are offering few details about why they have asked for the public's help in identifying four women released in images to the media on Thursday.

They are saying, however, it is in the "public's safety" to make this rare move.

In all the images, the women appear to be in indoors, sometimes in a bedroom-like room, and in one case a woman is sitting on a bed surrounded by clothing and a binder.

Halifax Regional Police spokesperson Const. Brian Palmeter said over the course of an ongoing investigation, police seized items that contained the

photos.

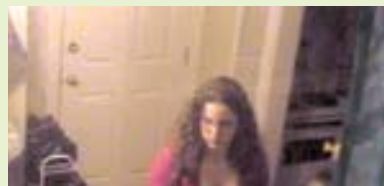
"We've exhausted all other avenues to try and locate and identify these women, without any success," he said. "We have concern over them, given how they came into our possession."

He said police do not know the context in which the photos were captured.

"That is what concerns us. We feel it's in the public's safety to figure out how they came to be captured."

Palmeter stressed these women have done nothing wrong, but authorities would like to speak with them to determine how they ended up in the pictures.

Police aren't revealing how the pictures came into their possession.



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HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE SPOKESPERSON CONST. BRIAN PALMETER



The lesson of Colorado's cantaloupe outbreak is that no amount of government regulation and consumer caution can eliminate food risks. Scan code for story.

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Parties opt to meet earlier

The Nova Scotia legislature has seen its fair share of tricks over 61 general assemblies, but this year it may reopen in time for treats too.

The third session of the 61st General Assembly will resume on Oct.

31 at 7 p.m.

Speaker Gordie Gosse issued the 30-day notice on Thursday.

Both the opposition Liberals and Progressive Conservatives have suggested they'll agree to waive the 30-day warning in favour of returning to the House of Assembly sooner, to address issues such as the closure of NewPage and the government's energy and economic policies. The governing NDP have not bitten on that suggestion.

● ALEX BOUILLIER

Reminder: Pilot winter parking ban coming soon

The Halifax Regional Municipality is reminding motorists the new winter parking ban will soon be upon us.

Under the new one-year pilot system, the ban can

remain in effect between Dec. 15 and March 31 but will only be enforced during declared snow and ice events.

Residents will be responsible for paying attention to public-service announcements declaring such events at halifax.ca.

The ban will also be shortened by one hour, from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., when in effect.

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Concordia crew blamed

► Vessel was carrying students and crew from sailing school in Lunenburg when it went down ► All passengers were rescued

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► The Concordia, a Lunenburg-based tall ship.

The crew on a Nova Scotia tall ship that taught international students about sailing was not properly trained in how to handle certain types of rough weather, according to a probe into the sinking of the vessel off Brazil last year.

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada issued a report Thursday on the capsizing of the Concordia last February after it ran into heavy seas and stiff winds with 64 students and staff.

The board found the crew did not take appropriate measures, such as reducing sail or changing course, before the squall hit with winds of up to 30 knots, or 56 kilometres per hour.

The board said with doors, windows and vents

left open, water rapidly flooded into the vessel's hull and the ship capsized.

"Once knocked down, and with the deckhouse doors open and taking on water, recovery was impossible," lead investigator Paulo Ekkebus told a

news conference.

The students spent about 40 hours in a life raft before they were plucked from the Atlantic Ocean, about 550 kilometres southeast of Rio de Janeiro.

Those on board included 42 Canadian high

No microburst

There were reports the ship was sunk by a rarely occurring microburst, an intense blast of downward air that was reportedly in excess of 120 km/h. But the board said there was no evidence a microburst occurred.

school and university students. Others were from the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Europe and the West Indies.

"All 64 people aboard the Concordia survived this harrowing experience," board member Jonathan Seymour said in a statement.

"But we need to make sure young people are never again put in this position." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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News in brief

Man robbed at knifepoint

Police say a Dartmouth business was robbed by a man with a knife late Wednesday.

Halifax Regional Police say they were called to All-star Vacuum at 133 Main St. just before 5 p.m. A man entered the store demanding cash and, while holding a knife, pulled a shirt over a male employee's face. He then emptied the cash register and fled on foot towards Lakecrest Drive with an unknown amount of money.

The employee wasn't injured and police have made no arrests. ● METRO

What's all the racket?

It's been a noisy month in Antigonish.

Since Sept. 1, RCMP have received 33 noise complaints, resulting in 43 warnings and five summary-offence tickets to the tune of \$397.71.

RCMP and the Town of Antigonish have identified a number of repeat noise offenders, who all have been warned to change their ways.

A noise complaint can result in a warning, a ticket or a summons under the criminal code for mischief. ● METRO

Rainmen will fly in style

The National Basketball League of Canada announced Thursday it has partnered with Porter Airlines to be its official air carrier for its inaugural season starting in November.

The league — which includes the Halifax Rainmen — will get travel discounts through the partnership. ● METRO

HRM gets failing grade

► Mayor Peter Kelly deemed this week Right to Know Week ► Province of Nova Scotia received an A grade for speed of disclosure and completeness



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When it comes to openness, HRM is by far the worst in the country, a new audit reveals.

The municipality took 129 days to release an incomplete copy of a \$1-million contract with Coastal Restoration and Masonry Ltd. for their repair work to the face of city hall, Newspapers Canada's national freedom of information audit states.

The audit, conducted from January to May 2011 and released this week, measured completeness and response times for standard freedom-of-information requests at all levels of government. HRM received a grade of F for both.

"At the municipal level



► Repair work continues at city hall on Thursday afternoon. A recent Newspapers Canada audit shows HRM has the worst response time in the country for freedom of information requests.

in Nova Scotia, it's a disaster," said John Hinds, president and CEO of Newspapers Canada. "I think it's really hard, if it's going to take you four or five months to get information, to claim that you run an open government."

Acting as what it called a citizen, the audit asked the municipality to provide a copy of its contract with Coastal. After HRM consult-

ed with the contractor, the contract was to be released with some information deleted. Coastal then asked Nova Scotia's freedom-of-information officer to review that decision, leading to nearly five months worth of delay.

Municipal spokesperson Shaune MacKinlay said the municipality has to abide by legislation, which led to the long wait. "We have a

How they ranked:

Grades in completeness and speed of disclosure:

- Saskatchewan municipalities: A
- Newfoundland and Labrador municipalities: A
- Alberta municipalities: A
- Ontario municipalities: B
- Nova Scotia municipalities: F

serious concern with the methodology, or the lack of methodology, in how Newspapers Canada approached the project," she said.

But Hinds said most municipalities in Canada returned similar requests within 30 days. "It's great to hide behind process ... but nobody else seemed to have the challenge that Halifax did," he said.



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ALC error 'clerical'

► Minister confident underreporting not 'coverup' ► Six lottery insider winners since 2007 investigated by police



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The Atlantic Lottery Corporation is attributing the misreporting of the percentage of insider winners to "human error."

The ALC reported earlier this month four per cent of jackpot winners in 2009-10 were "non-arms length players" — in other words, players who are directly or indirectly connected to the lottery corporation. A CBC investigation reported that number was actually eight per cent.

"There was an error in a field of data which was presented in our 2009-2010 accountability report, and we apologize for it," wrote Larry Doherty, ALC's risk management vice president, in



"Can we improve on those controls? We always can improve on controls, no matter what we're talking about." DAVE WILSON

a statement.

"It was a human error, and measures have been put in place to add steps to the verification (process)."

ALC will spend the next four to six months reviewing that process, with both internal and external investigators participating in the review.

Dave Wilson, the minis-

ter responsible for the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation, said he was made aware of the issue earlier this month.

In a letter dated Sept. 9, Wilson noted the increase in wins over \$25,000 for non-arms length players increased from \$0.9 million in 2007-08 to \$41 million last year. He requested the corporation undertake a review.

But Wilson told reporters Thursday he was confident the mistake was "clerical," and not an attempt to cover up insider wins.

"I'm confident in the response I got from the ALC," said Wilson. "What we need to ensure that players who use the lottery have confidence in the controls that we have in place."

Beware the software scam

The Halifax Regional Police are warning Haligonians of a new computer scam.

The scam involves a caller contacting victims, indicating they represent a software company. The caller says a problem has been detected on the victim's computer, and gives them a set of instructions. Police believe those instructions allow the scammer to gain remote access to the victim's personal information.

Police are encouraging people to have their computer serviced at a reputable shop, and to not give out personal information unless they're certain who is on the other end of the line. ● METRO

Hostile callers

► Police say in some cases, the callers have become hostile, to the point of threatening or harassing.

Border agents spill beans

The Canada Border Services Agency in Halifax are calling their latest drug bust a "significant" haul.

Discovered in a container at the Port of Halifax on Sept. 1, Quebec RCMP have seized about 32 kilograms of cocaine enclosed in 122 cans of beans in a shipment destined for a food distribution company in Saint-Jerome, Que.

The drugs have a street value of about \$4 million, the agency said.

Dominic Mallette, the agency's chief of operations in Nova Scotia, said the cocaine was found during a random search of a container.

"Using x-ray technology, we were able to scan a pallet of beans and through the images, we could tell that some of the cans of beans had a different density than others," he said, adding the cans had false



► Seized cocaine.

bottoms.

RCMP were alerted, and the container was sent on its way as if nothing happened, said Mallette.

From there, police followed the shipment and conducted an investigation, leading to two arrests on Sept. 15 in La-chen, Que. during a search of a warehouse, said Cpl. Luc Thibault, an RCMP spokesperson in Que. Two Quebec men are now facing charges.

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Embracing our trash tasks

► Forty-six per cent of households say they used an online classified site, such as Kijiji, to dispose household items over the past year ► Survey suggests we can do better with recycling

BY THE NUMBERS

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It's time to talk some trash. According to my recent polling, 72 per cent of

Haligonians support limits on the number of garbage bags placed curbside each week.

But the hesitation to move forward with the latest reduction for weekly pickup to four from six remains stalled at city hall.

The Halifax Regional Mu-

Poll

► The poll saw 516 HRM residents surveyed. It carries margin of error of plus-or-minus 4.5 per cent.

nicipality continues to boast it's a waste-management leader and our recent survey would support that assertion. But folks here think there is still more we could do and are prepared to support programs that increase recycling, composting and re-use of things we no longer need.

Almost 90 per cent of those surveyed say they recycle almost all the time and feel it is the right thing to do. Another 70 per cent are using green bins for compost.

The statistics aren't surprising because most of us are required to use our blue bags and green bins. But what about our habits when it comes to things not required by law?

The numbers are encouraging but far from impressive.

Just over 60 per cent report they dispose of paints, oils and household hazardous products at designated sites. And 45 per cent say they use ACE electronic products recycling services.

I was also interested in finding out how environmentally responsible we are when it comes to things that are entirely discretionary.

Only 34 per cent are regularly shopping with reusable bags in place of

plastic. When it comes to composting, only 11 per cent say this is part of their recycling habits.

So the survey respondents were asked: How could we improve our recycling efforts?

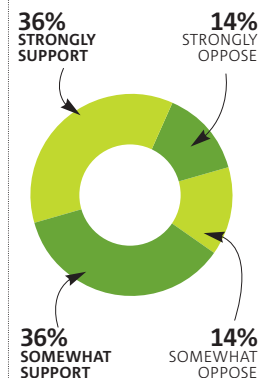
The overwhelming response was for more education and advertising, mentioned by almost 80 per cent of citizens.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel at Marketquest-Omnifacts, an Atlantic Canada research firm. He has conducted public-opinion research in the region for over 25 years.



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Do you support or oppose limits on the number of bags of garbage that can be placed curbside each week?



Ex-junior hockey player dies

A former Maritime Junior A Hockey League player has died, two weeks after being involved in a serious car crash.

Bill Riley Jr., 35, played with the Amherst Ramblers for several seasons before moving on to the former East Hants Penguins.

He was an employee of the Correctional Services of Canada at the Springhill Institution and was a resident of Dieppe, N.B.

Riley suffered multiple injuries in the crash and died on Tuesday.

His father, Bill Sr., played in the AHL and NHL before going on to coach the Ramblers and Amherst Mooseheads as well as the Moncton Wildcats of the QMJHL. He also coached Junior A in Moncton and Miramichi.

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TV news anchors Tom Murphy and Amy Smith, and meteorologist Peter

Coadie will be there.

If you've ever wanted to see the people behind the voices of CBC radio, Saturday will be your chance.

Stars of This Hour Has 22 Minutes Cathy Jones and Geri Hall will hanging out too. Atlantic Airwaves

will tape local singer-songwriters Erin Costello and Stephen Fearing.

Jeremie Saunders, host of Artzooka!, will do crafts, and Whyatt of Super Why will make the rounds.

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Green houses set to open their doors to public

Efficiency Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association will officially launch two of the most energy-efficient homes in the province on Friday.

The first opening is set for 10:30 a.m. at 111 Hanwell Dr. in Sackville, with the second at 27 Viridian Dr. in Dartmouth starting at noon.

The Sackville home has an EnerGuide rating of 96, with the Dartmouth home a 94 — the highest anywhere in the province.

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City gives golf course deadline on debt

A Nova Scotia golf course in operation since 1996 has been issued a notice of default.

Osprey Ridge received the notice on Wednesday, stating the course must meet its financial obligations in 60 days or the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg assumes title to the property.

Mayor Don Downe says he's confident the golf course will be open

3.4M Osprey Ridge golf course has been issued a notice that it owes \$3.4 million.

through next year. He says a search will be undertaken to find local, regional or national investors to operate the golf course.

Downe says the municipality holds a first and second mortgage on Osprey.

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Tweets offer glimpse into mood patterns

Twitter confirms it: People tend to wake up in a good mood and are happiest on weekends.

The fast-paced forum is offering scientists a peek at real-time, presumably little-filtered human behaviour and thoughts. Cornell University researchers turned to the microblog to study mood and found a pretty consistent pattern.

The researchers analyzed English-language tweets from 2.4 million people in 84 countries, more than 500 million of the brief, conversation-like exchanges sent over two

years. They used a computer program that searched for words indicating positive mood — happy, enthusiastic, brilliant — or negative mood — sad, anxious, fear.

What they found: Unless you're a night owl, a positive attitude peaks early in the morning and again near midnight, but starts to dip midmorning before rising again in the evening.

Aha, you might think, going to work and related hassles like traffic explain that pattern. After all, there was more positive tweeting on the weekend.

Twitter tales

► The researchers also examined tweets in the United Arab Emirates, where Friday and Saturday are considered the weekend. Sure enough, they found the same daily pattern, even though the workday tends to begin earlier there than in the West, and the same weekend pattern.

► There are cautions about studying Twitter postings: Their authors tend to be younger, and may be more affluent and better educated than average.

Work-related stress may play some role but it can't explain why that same mid-day dip occurs on the weekend, too, said lead researcher Scott Golder, a Cornell graduate student.

Instead, the pattern probably is due to the effects of sleep and our 24-hour biological clock, the so-called circadian rhythms that signal when it's time to sleep and to wake, Golder and Cornell sociologist Michael Macy reported. Their study appears in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

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► Minister of Canadian Heritage James Moore, second from left, and Liberal MP Justin Trudeau, right, with UFC fighters Yves Jabouin, left, and Mark Hominick.

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Ready for a fight

MPs met with Ultimate Fighting Championship fighters yesterday on Parliament Hill as part of a day of lobbying in support of mixed martial arts.

PM defends MacKay's Challenger flights

► Harper says defence minister's use of jets justified because intent was to meet with families of fallen soldiers ► Liberals consider launching complaint after ethics commissioner says rules may have been broken

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has stood up for his embattled defence minister.

Peter MacKay was under fire once again yesterday in the House of Commons over his use of Challenger VIP jets, racking up as much as \$3 million in flights since he was appointed in 2007.

He's been criticized over the last couple of weeks for his use of a search-and-rescue helicopter to pick him up at a Newfoundland fishing lodge following a vacation.

New Democrats say the high-flying minister should have his wings clipped.

Harper, who had been silent about the controver-

"When will the prime minister tell his cabinet that ethics rules apply to them too? When will he crack down on this out-of-control, jet-setting Conservative lifestyle?"

JACK HARRIS, NDP DEFENCE CRITIC

sy, said MacKay has used the jet 70 per cent less than his Liberal predecessors and "half the time he does that for repatriation ceremonies" in Trenton for fallen soldiers.

"He goes there to show that we understand their sacrifice, we share their pain and we care about

them and that's why the minister of Defence is so highly regarded," Harper told the House of Commons during question period.

Meanwhile, the ethics commissioner told a parliamentary committee yesterday that MacKay could be in contravention of MPs' conflict-of-interest code because of where he spent his vacation.

The Newfoundland trip was partly spent at a fishing camp owned by the chairman of a Crown corporation.

Under questioning from the Liberals, Mary Dawson told an all-party committee some rules may have been broken.

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► Defence Minister Peter MacKay leaves the House of Commons after speaking with the media on Parliament Hill yesterday.

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Shania fan to plead guilty

► Country music star testifies she had to hire security

The trial of a man accused of stalking Canadian country star Shania Twain got off to a dramatic start Thursday when the accused interrupted testimony and declared in an outburst that he would plead guilty.

Giovanni (John) Palumbo is charged with three counts of failure to comply with a court order and criminal harassment by watching and besetting.

Appearing via video link



► Shania Twain

in a Toronto courtroom, Twain testified that the former Ottawa doctor's lovelorn letters and unex-

pected visits at her cottage made her uncomfortable.

"They were uncomfortable letters, they were very personal," Twain told court. "They were more like love letters, not so much fan mail."

Twain testified that she had to hire 24-hour security for a family gathering at her cottage in 2009 because Palumbo was seen repeatedly parked in his Lamborghini down the road.

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► Prince William and his wife Catherine with patient Ellis Andrews.

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Hospital welcomes royal visitors

Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, meets patient Ellis Andrews during a visit with Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, to open the new Oak Centre for Children and Young People at The Royal Marsden Hospital yesterday in London, England.

Homeless men need briefs too

Robb Price and Brent King of Calgary are travelling across Canada handing out 35,000 pairs of new underwear to homeless shelters. They created the GotGinch program after they learned that homeless shelters put new skivvies at or near the top of their wish lists to help clients.

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Loose hogs shut down highway

A semi tractor trailer carrying pigs rolled over about 200 kilometres east of Saskatoon Thursday. The driver of the semi was uninjured and it was not immediately known if any pigs died. Mounties closed Highway 310 while the 109 pigs were rounded up and the semi removed.

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Olympic red mittens are back

The third edition of the red mittens that were so popular at the 2010 Winter Games were unveiled Thursday. The handwarmers have been a lucrative fundraiser for the Canadian Olympic Committee, pulling in almost \$19 million for the COC's athlete-support programs.

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China hit by deadly storm

► Typhoon Nesat brings rain, fierce winds after devastating Philippines
► Three injured by falling debris

A powerful typhoon slammed into southern China Thursday after skirting Hong Kong and bringing death and widespread flooding to the Philippines earlier this week.

Typhoon Nesat made landfall on the eastern tip of China's Hainan island at 2:30 p.m., local time, and was packing winds as high as 150 kilometres an hour, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The storm blew down trees and flooded streets as it moved across Hainan, photos on state media showed. A large tree toppled onto a parked car in the provincial capital, Haikou.

The storm swept past Hong Kong earlier in the day, forcing the stock market to suspend trading and shops and businesses to close but causing little damage. The Asian financial centre's normally bustling streets were eerily quiet, with few people venturing outside.

Two people were injured when bamboo scaffolding was blown over and collapsed onto a taxi, while a

Cities shut down

► Flood control officials said nearly 58,000 people were evacuated from low-lying areas in eastern Wenchang city and 67 flights were cancelled at the island's two airports, Xinhua said.

► Hainan authorities closed schools, suspended ferry services and recalled fishing boats as the storm made its way across the South China Sea from the Philippines, where it killed 35 people and left another 45 missing.

man was injured by a falling tree, local broadcaster RTHK said. A barge ripped free from its moorings in the rough seas and slammed into a seawall on Hong Kong Island, forcing some nearby apartments to be evacuated, news reports said.

Local broadcaster Cable TV showed footage of tour groups from mainland China, some heading to Macau, who were temporarily stranded after cross-border ferry services were suspended. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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► People brave strong winds and rain on a street as a typhoon hits Haikou in south China's Hainan province on Thursday.

Monsoon floods claim more lives in India

Authorities stepped up efforts Thursday to deliver food and evacuate villagers stranded by monsoon flooding in eastern India, as searchers reported finding

28 more bodies, bringing the country's seasonal death toll to 335.

With relentless rains finally easing, air force helicopters dropped food parcels, and hundreds of boats tried to reach nearly 100,000 people marooned in more than 1,300 villages in the eastern state of Orissa, said Prabhatta Mohapatra, special relief commissioner. The boats have evacuated

more than 120,000 people, and are continuing to bring people to safer ground, including people stranded on rooftops, Mohapatra told The Associated Press.

Since India's monsoon season started in June, floods have caused 168 deaths in Uttar Pradesh, 88 in Orissa, 47 in West Bengal, 31 in Bihar and one in Assam. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Relief sought

► Officials said the state government is running 28 relief camps in Sitamarhi, the worst-hit district.
► However, about 400 people blocked a highway on the outskirts of Patna, the state capital, for hours saying that government relief efforts were inadequate.

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NY woman claims man paid her to kill him

► Police won't say what led them to suspect in murder of 74-year-old

A woman was accused of running over a bound man who she said promised her \$180,000 if she ended his life, but police said they have no evidence he wanted to die.

Francis Nelson, 74, was found dead, his hands and feet still tied, near his abandoned car on a rural road in upstate New York on Tuesday morning.

Jennifer Riesel, a 28-year-old woman who met

Nelson through a social club in their hometown of Little Falls, was charged with his murder yesterday.

Trooper Jack Keller said Riesel told investigators that Nelson had asked her to kill him, saying she'd get \$180,000 after his death.

"We're still not sure how that arrangement was going to be made," Keller said. "But that was

ultimate deal."

Investigators believe Nelson was killed sometime early Tuesday. Relatives said he was last seen at 7 p.m. Monday. Keller said Riesel ran him over with a car borrowed from a friend.

Riesel was jailed Thursday without bail on a second-degree murder charge. Officials didn't know if she had a lawyer.

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Murder mystery

► Trooper Jack Keller said there was no evidence Nelson suffered from a serious or terminal illness and nothing indicating he was despondent. He said no money ever changed hands, Nelson's bank accounts were in order and there was no sign of thievery.

Mexico. National Corn Day



► Mexican artist Brama Santos performs at an event marking National Corn Day in Mexico City Thursday.

Mexicans call for greener grains

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Border proposal hits nerve in Canada

► U.S. ponders ramping up security on border with fences and other barriers

The Opposition is blasting a "stupid" U.S. government proposal to build fences along the border with Canada to help keep out terrorists and other criminals.

"The American people don't see us as a threat,"

said Joe Comartin, the New Democrat justice critic. "When you get their security agencies just going off on this kind of a tangent ... well, quite frankly, it just makes me angry."

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency

has proposed the use of "fencing and other barriers" on the 49th parallel to manage "trouble spots where passage of cross-border violators is difficult to control."

The border service is also pondering options in-

cluding a beefed-up technological presence through increased use of radar, sensors, cameras, drones and vehicle scanners. In addition, it might continue to improve or expand customs facilities at ports of entry. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Car. Bomb



► Iraqi firefighters extinguish flames after a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, north of Baghdad, yesterday.

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Suicide bomber kills 2

A suicide bomber detonated his explosive-packed car near a bank where policemen were picking up their paycheques, killing two and wounding scores of people.

U.S. court tosses lawsuit

A U.S. federal appeals court refused yesterday to decide the constitutionality of the military's now-repealed "don't ask, don't tell" policy banning openly gay troops, saying the issue has been resolved since Americans can enlist and serve in the armed forces without regard to sexual orientation.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco tossed out a lawsuit that had challenged the military policy as a violation of gay service members' civil rights.

In doing so, the appeals court also dismissed a Southern California trial judge's year-old ruling that the policy was unconstitutional.

The gay-rights group Log Cabin Republicans filed the lawsuit in 2004 challenging the policy. The group recently argued the "don't ask, don't tell" should remain in effect because future administrations and lawmakers could reintroduce a ban on gay service.

The panel specifically rejected Log Cabins' assertion that the appeals court should decide the underlying constitutional issues to prevent future limitations or outright bans on military service by gay and lesbian Americans.

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China achieves space landmark

China launched an experimental module to lay the groundwork for a future space station on Thursday, underscoring its ambitions

to become a major space power over the coming decade.

The box car-sized Tian-gong-1 module was shot into space from the Jiuquan launch centre on the edge of the Gobi Desert aboard a Long March 2FT1 rocket.

It is to move into an orbit 350 kilometres above the Earth and conduct surveys of Chinese farmland using special cameras,



along with experiments involving growing crystals in zero gravity.

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Rescuing species

► Hundreds of animals and plants advance toward protections in the U.S. ► Comes amid backlash in Congress against endangered-species program

The Obama administration is taking steps to extend new federal protections to a list of imperiled animals and plants that reads like a manifest for Noah's Ark — from the melodic golden-winged warbler and slow-moving gopher tortoise, to the slimy American eel and tiny Texas kangaroo rat.

Compelled by a pair of recent legal settlements, the effort in part targets species that have been mired in bureaucratic limbo even as they inch toward potential extinction.

With a Friday deadline to act on more than 700 pending cases, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service already has issued decisions advancing more than

500 species toward potential new protections under the Endangered Species Act.

Observers said the agency's actions mark a breakthrough for a program long criticized by conservatives and liberals alike as cumbersome and slow.

"Here at a single glance, you see the sweep of the Endangered Species Act," said Patrick Parenteau, an environmental law professor at the University of Vermont. "They are moving through this large backlog at a fairly crisp clip now. This is the largest number of listing actions we've seen in a very long time, in decades."

Also among species that

advanced for further consideration are 35 snails from Nevada's Great Basin, 82 crawfish from the Southeast, 99 Hawaiian plants and a motley cast of butterflies, birds, fish, beetles, frogs, lizards, mussels and more from every corner of the country.

Some have languished for decades on a "candidate list" of species the government says warrant protection but that it lacks the resources to help.

The flurry of recent action could help revive Obama's standing among wildlife advocates upset over the administration's support for taking grey wolves off the endangered list in the Northern Rockies and Upper Great Lakes,

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from the brink



► Among the animals and plants on the Obama administration's radar are, from left, the Casey's June beetle, the Pagosa skyrocket plant and the Texas kangaroo rat.

among other issues.

But it also comes amid a backlash in Congress against the 37-year-old endangered species program. Earlier this year, citing restrictions against development and other activities, Republicans unsuccessfully sought to strip the federal budget of money to list new species as threatened or endangered.

Most of the decisions made under the current settlements are preliminary. So far only 12 new animals and plants have reached the final step and been added to the almost

1,400 species on the government's threatened and endangered list. Also, not every species made the cut to take the next step. Roughly 40 rejections have been meted out, including for plains bison, the giant Palouse earthworm of Idaho and Utah's Gila monster. Those rejections are subject to court challenges.

Friday's deadline was established in a pair of settlements approved by U.S. District Judge Emmett Sullivan on Sept. 9. Those deals resolved multiple lawsuits brought against

the Fish and Wildlife Service by two environmental groups, Arizona-based Center for Biological Diversity and New Mexico-based WildEarth Guardians.

WildEarth Guardians' Mark Salvo said the agency's actions so far lend credence to claims that the affected species were in serious trouble.

"The science supports protecting these species," he said. "They were obviously in peril, and our agreement with the agency was intended to allow it finally address these listings." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

Climate change to cost billions: Study

ENVIRONMENTAL FORECAST. Climate change will cost Canada and its people

about \$5 billion a year by 2020, a groundbreaking analysis for the federal government warns.

Costs will continue to climb steeply, to between \$21 billion and \$43 billion a year by the 2050s, depending on several factors, the analysis says.

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Chile to pay quake victim's family

RESTITUTION. A judge says Chile must pay about \$20,000 to the family of a taxi driver killed in last year's earthquake after the government mistakenly said there would be no tsunami. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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News in brief

Privacy on Facebook challenged again

PRIVACY. Nine privacy groups sent a joint letter Wednesday to the Federal Trade Commission saying it should investigate the ways Facebook collects data about users' online activity after recent changes to its site.

The Electronic Privacy Information Center, the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups say changes Facebook made last week give it far greater ability to disclose users' personal information to businesses.

Facebook users can now consent just once and have applications continuously sharing on Facebook the music they

are listening to or the articles they are reading.

Facebook says users have control over what apps they use and what information is shared.

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Coming up next on the FB

WEB SERIES. Warner Bros. is launching a Web series on Facebook.

The show, Aim High, is an action comedy series about a student who doubles as a government operative by night.

The studio is calling it the first "social series" from a Hollywood studio on the site. Viewers will be able to integrate their Facebook profile into background elements of the series.

Aim High will debut Oct. 18 on Facebook and on Cambio.com. It stars Jackson Rathbone, Aimee Teegarden and Greg Germann.

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Stars woo in Cityville

- Social media new way to interact with fans: Iglesias
- Online game has 71-million users on Facebook

Pop stars are lining up to make their debut in Facebook games from online game maker Zynga.

First came Dr. Dre and Lady Gaga. Next week, an avatar of singer Enrique Iglesias will join CityVille, Zynga's most popular title.

Starting Tuesday, CityVille players on Facebook will be able to interact with Iglesias's character when he visits their cities. They can collect items the singer is known for and watch previews of his latest music video.

Zynga declined to give financial terms of the deal or say whether it plans more celebrity integrations, citing the fact that it is in a typical "quiet period" before its planned initial public offering. The San Francisco-based com-



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pany filed registration papers in July for an IPO, and it's expected to make its public debut this fall.

Iglesias said his team approached Zynga with the idea for a game integration. Users can collect virtual hats, boots, bling and a speed boat — representing the time Iglesias

lived in Miami and owned one.

"I thought the fans would get a kick out of it," he said.

CityVille, which is available on Facebook and the fledgling Google Plus, lets players build up and run virtual cities complete with farms, buildings and

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Canadians wary of job market

The Conference Board of Canada says its index of consumer confidence increased only slightly in September as Canadians began to worry more about job growth.

The think-tank said Thursday its consumer confidence index rose 0.3 of a point in September to 75, narrowly avoiding

a fifth consecutive monthly decline.

Economists have warned in recent weeks that the global economic outlook is not good and that government debt problems in Europe and the U.S. could trigger another recession, undercutting employment.

The survey found that attitudes towards the job market have deteriorated. Only 14.8 per cent of respondents said they expect there will be more jobs in the next six months, a drop of 1.4 percentage points from August. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court to hear cable-bill case

The Supreme Court of Canada says it will step into the battle over whether broadcasters can charge cable and satellite providers

for carrying their programs.

The court has granted leave to appeal in a case that involves whether the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission can make this decision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fairley & Stevens Ford Lincoln, in Dartmouth, is proud to announce the opening of their new Truck Centre.

The state-of-the-art facility opened last week at 580 Windmill Road and specializes in Super Duty vans and F-series 250-550 trucks.

"Fairley & Stevens Ford Lincoln has expanded our service operations by opening a five-bay Truck Centre with Ford-factory trained diesel technicians," said Glenn Sampson, Fairley & Steven's Service Manager.

A big, high-tech repair centre so close to Burnside Business Park makes it convenient and a prime location for customers.

"We have five bays fully dedicated to work on fleet and commercial trucks," said Shawn Noonan, Master Certified Technician.

The shop is pristine, well lit and boasts five brand-new hoists, as well as heavy-duty tire machines for installing and balancing tires. Technicians use an Integrated Diagnostics System on a specialized computer to run high-level tests on a truck's electronics.

But at the heart of the Truck Centre are five dedicated guys who have the training and experience to get it done right the first time.

"They're Ford-certified diesel technicians with combined experience of about 65 years,"



(top photo) Truck specialists Ian Cameron, Shawn Cotter, Jeff Barrett, Shawn Noonan and Alex Davidson bring over 65 years combined experience to Fairley & Stevens new truck repair centre. (bottom left photo) Alex Davidson changes a truck tire in Fairley & Stevens new truck repair centre. From tire changes to engine overhauls, Fairley & Stevens can handle all your truck service needs. (bottom right photo) Shawn Noonan uses an Integrated Diagnostic System to repair a truck. Fairley & Stevens uses state of the art technology in their new truck repair centre.

said Sampson. "We have the knowledge that others don't and we know Ford trucks inside and out."

And they're ready to work on anything from tires to engine repairs.

"It's a one stop shop," Sampson said, adding the Truck Centre has easy access and ample parking.

Fairley & Stevens staff is working on plans for a Grand Open-

ing celebration for the Truck Centre next month. Stay tuned for details on a barbecue and a 'meet and greet' with the Truck Centre technicians.

"Fairley & Stevens Ford Lincoln is looking forward to introducing the new Truck Centre to current, and new customers," Sampson said.



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Google looks to Asia

► New data centres will open in Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong ► Will employ 5 to 20 full-time staff

Google Inc. plans to invest at least \$200 million to build its first three data centres in Asia as it expands its infrastructure to keep pace with the region's burgeoning Internet use.

It aims to finish construction in one to two years, but didn't give specific start dates. The Taiwan and Hong Kong data centres are expected to

cost \$100 million US each, including the cost of land. Google didn't give a figure for Singapore.

"Asia's the fastest-growing market for Internet users and Internet usage so we're seeing large numbers of new users coming online every day," Taj Meadows, Google's policy communications manager in Asia, said yesterday.

The data centre expansion

also reflects the growing popularity of cloud-based computing and heavy demand in Asia for online entertainment.

Thais, for example, most often search online for music and videos while South Koreans frequently use their phones to upload videos to YouTube, according to Google data, Meadows said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Nokia. Layoffs



► John Guerry, general manager of a Nokia factory in Romania, casts a shadow on a banner showing the company's logo during the official opening of the factory's first production line back in 2008.

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Nokia makes further job cuts

The company yesterday announced 3,500 job cuts by 2012 due to stiff competition in the global market. It will also close a manufacturing plant in Cluj, Romania, which will mean 2,200 more job cuts when supply-chain operations are adjusted.

Tablet not dying: RIM

Research In Motion said Thursday its PlayBook computer tablet will stay on the market and dismissed speculation

that the tablet will be discontinued as "pure fiction."

Shares in the BlackBerry maker closed down 70 cents, or about three per cent, to \$21.97 on the Toronto Stock Exchange after a report the company

could shut down PlayBook production.

An analyst's report suggested RIM was considering exiting that market after a staff reduction at a factory where the PlayBook is made.

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1 Shirtless Ron MacLean? Circulating this week is one of the more random photos ever: A shirtless Hockey Night in Canada host Ron MacLean is

seen in a bar, wearing white pants and air-guitaring while holding a beer. Now people are split as to whether this photo was Photoshopped or not. Let's see Don Cherry's shirtless beer-air-guitar moves!

2 Rathika Sitsabaiesan cleavage: Still with Photoshop, Ontario NDP MP Rathika Sitsabaiesan attracted international attention this week when it was revealed on the website Contrarian.ca that her (by no means risqué amount of) cleavage was Photoshopped out of an image that appears on her page on the Parliament of Canada website. Wow, talk about political correctness.

3 BC Place reno: The \$563-million reno'ed retractable BC Place stadium in Vancouver is by all accounts stupendous, right down to the transparent facade that runs the circumference of the stadium and allows spectators to take in mountain vistas. It opens Friday when the B.C. Lions take on the Edmonton Eskimos.

4 The Leap: Calgary's Chris Turner, author of the 2007 national bestseller *The Geography of Hope*, has a new book out this week. It's called *The Leap: How to Survive and Thrive in the Sustainable Economy*. It covers German green energy, Danish urban design genius, Toledo solar panels and so much more.

5 The Onion in T.O.: The brilliant news parody empire that reports wryly hilarious fake news now has a local edition in Toronto, where it's available free in newspaper boxes starting this week. Nothing in this item was made up.

6 YouTube TV shows: YouTube really is vying to be your new TV set. Word is the video giant is finalizing contracts with a bunch of "channels" to feature regularly scheduled programs on themes like sports, entertainment and fashion by 2012. My grandchildren someday will be like, "What's that flatscreen in your man-cave for, grandpa?"

7 Queen: Queen's Roger Taylor is creating a live touring show to begin next year that will pay tribute to the band. He's launched a talent search to find people to star in the show. One of the audition tapes makes it seem as if Freddie Mercury has risen from the grave.

8 Emotional bag check: If you're looking for somewhere to unload your emotions, a new site called EmotionalBagCheck.com might come to your emotional rescue. You can vent there, and some kind stranger will suggest a pick-me-up song in reply so as to get you going again. And everything will be all right. Well, for five minutes at least — the time it takes to play, say, Coldplay's *Fix You* (it's the No. 3 recommended song).

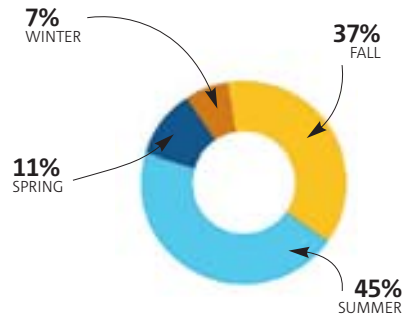
9 Message in a Bottle: Since 1996, P.E.I.'s Harold Hackett has sent out more than 4,800 messages in a bottle. Dude's hobby has an amazing batting average, as he's received more than 3,100 responses from all over the world. So if your Internet's ever down and you're jonesing for social media, just go old school and use this method of reaching out.

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It's a showdown of the seasons, which is your favourite?



Letters

I'm sorry to say that while reading your Sept. 29 issue, I was shocked to find an example of cultural insensitivity.

I'm not referring to any of the articles, but rather to your Metropolitan Panel feature. In the poll shown, you asked your readers, and I quote, "Should obese women be denied fertility treatment?" Are you not aware how blatantly offensive that question is? If it isn't so obvious, consider a similar question: "Should gay women be denied fertility treatment?" Or what about "Should East-Asian women be denied fertility treatment?" On what basis do you justify such discrimination? What right have you to decide who gets fertility treatment and who does not? You have no such right. Any person's decision to seek fertility treatment should be left to them and them alone.

Any potential health problems that may arise during pregnancy as a result of conditions associated with obesity are also none of your business. The only people who ought to be involved are the person and their supervising physician.

JEFFREY KOMAR
HALIFAX

Swinging. It



► A traveller youth plays on a rope at Dale Farm travellers camp Thursday near Basildon, England.

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Photo of the day Traveller residents — traditional nomadic people — on the illegal Dale Farm settlement are at The High Court in London to hear if a judicial review of their eviction can take place.

WEIRD NEWS

Ol' Two-Face

Frank and Louie the cat was born with two faces, two mouths, two noses, three eyes — and lots of doubts about his future.

Now, 12 years after Marty Stevens rescued him from being put to sleep because of his condition, the exotic blue-eyed rag doll cat is not only thriving but has made it into the 2012 Guinness Book of World Records as the longest-surviving member of a group known as Janus cats, named for a Roman god with two faces.

He is "very, very laid back, not afraid of people, very friendly and he's



► "Hi, Frank." "Hi, Louie."

actually more of a dog than a cat," Stevens said, adding, "It's funny because people walk up to him thinking it's a nice, fluffy white cat and they're walking up with a big smile on their face to pat him, like, 'Oh, what a beautiful cat' and I see a look of horror come over their faces when they actually see his face." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Scene in brief



David Beckham says his new baby girl is nothing like his three sons. The 36-year-old soccer star says three-month old Harper Seven is already sleeping through the night and is "a lot calmer" than his boys were at that age. Harper's three brothers are also on dad's side when it comes to her eventual dating life. Beckham says he plans to be "overprotective in every way possible."

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Bobby Brown plays himself in indie movie launched at Montreal Black film festival.

Synopsis

Anna Faris is Ally, a young Bostonian with a bad relationship track record. Weeks before her sister is to wed she reads an article that suggests the number of sex partners a woman has had will predict her romantic success later in life. More than 20, it says, and you have virtually no hope of settling down. She realizes she's in the danger zone. To not go over 20 she revisits all her ex-boyfriends in hopes of finding a husband.

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●●

Mark: ●●●½

Reel Guys

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▶ Anna Faris, centre, is searching for lasting love in *What's Your Number*.

It's all in the numbers

► Anna Faris shines as the lead in *What's Your Number?* despite a lacklustre raunch-com script ► Movie's attitudes about sex a little dated for 2011

Richard: Mark, I'm not going to suggest *What's Your Number?* is a great, or even good movie. It has a typical rom-com plot gussied up with some Judd Apatow style barbs and some gratuitous shots of its almost naked star but it also has Anna Faris, and for me that's enough. She has crack comic timing and an unpredictable way with a line that takes a Kathryn Heigl level script and turns it into something watchable. What did you think?

Mark: Without Anna Faris, this movie would have gone directly to the DVD bin. She's so good I was able to sit through the movie and actually laugh a

few times. But I resent the movie for wanting it both ways: on the surface it seems like a raunch-com but underneath beats the heart of the typical story of a young woman who just wants to get married and settle down. And by the way, since when did bedding 20 guys in your entire life make anyone a slut? Maybe if they were all at once...

RC: Ha! Spoken like someone who has the updated edition of *The Joy of Sex* handy. It's a strange movie that uses both the standard old cellphone switcheroo plot device and rape jokes. It doesn't have the laughs of an Apatow

movie or the heart... but once again, I'll say it, it has Anna Faris.

MB: It also has Chris Evans, in a stock role that only his agent could love. But I did feel there was some genuine chemistry between him and Ms. Faris, especially in the scenes where they get hot 'n' sweaty. Romantic comedies like this one usually have a number of well acted, well written secondary characters, but they were completely absent from this picture, unless you count Andy Samberg's great and ridiculous cameo.

RC: A love scene with a puppet and Andy Samberg is just one of the things —

did I mention Anna Faris? — that make this movie almost special. There are just enough funny scenes (and shots of Evans's abs) to almost make this an in-the-pocket rom com, but then the good stuff is followed by long stretches of by-the-book writing. It's a shame to see this kind of potential wasted.

MB: I also resented the dated sexual politics of the movie. The male lead can sleep with as many partners as he likes and he's a rake. If a woman like Faris tries the same thing, she's a slut. This is old-school thinking, and shame on the movie for buying into it, and not challenging it.

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Breakaway

Genre: Comedy

Director: Rob Lieberman

Stars: Vinay Virmani, Rob Lowe

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A harmless story about a young Indo-Canadian striving against his immigrant family's ideals to become a pro hockey player, Breakaway is an impres-

sive first feature for writer and star Vinay Virmani. Not only does he land a likeable international cast including Rob Lowe and funnyman Russell Peters, but he and director Rob Lieberman mostly keep it light-hearted with broad gags and a Bollywood musical number to maintain a fun pace. **STEVE GOW**



50/50

Genre: Comedy

Director: Jonathan Levine

Stars: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen, Anna Kendrick

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Cancer is no laughing matter, everyone knows that. But 50/50, the story of Adam (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) a clean living guy diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, breaks taboos left and right. Luckily it's tempered with great performances, a

smart script and real emotion. There's not a false moment thanks to a script written by Will Reiser, the real-life inspiration for the story. Reiser — along with actors Gordon-Levitt, Anna Kendrick and Seth Rogen — find just the right balance between mortality, romance and cancer jokes in a script that will have you laughing and crying at the same time.

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Hugh not always so steely

► Real Steel star Hugh Jackman says he was the dunce at drama school



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Hugh Jackman must be the envy of his drama school's graduating class. Between the opening of Real Steel this weekend and the end of 2013 he'll star in six films ranging from The Wolverine's high octane action and the high notes of Les Misérables to the high comedy of Movie 43.

It seems apt that he'll also soon be starring in The Greatest Showman on Earth because he can do it all — in between action movies he can out-sing-and-

dance anyone on the circuit — but it wasn't always that way.

"When I started acting I was the dunce of the class," he says.

Success in school, he says, came because of his work ethic, a trait he picked up from his father.

"He never took one day off in his life," he says. "Now, he had five kids he was bringing up on his own. If anyone deserved a day off it was my old man, but he never did. I learned that from him."

"There's always that feeling of, 'I have to work



► Hugh Jackman says that he was a fearful child.

harder than everybody else. I'm not born Phillip Seymour Hoffman. I've got to just work harder and I'm prepared to do it."

Being the youngest of five children also contributed to his outlook. "I always wanted to do stuff and not be left out," he says, but adds, "I was quite a fearful kid, which I hated."

"I've always had a fear of fear. It's a weird to think back now but drama school, it is a pressure kind of situation. People get

kicked out of drama school. You are constantly being judged on how you are doing, are you progressing, are you not."

"Almost everyday you had to get up and do a monologue. Sing a song. Do it in front of everybody."

"I noticed I was always first. I never wanted to sit there waiting."

"I'm not saying that out of courage. It was too uncomfortable to sit, stewing. I don't think I've told anyone else that."

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Sugar Ray Leonard: What's your best punch?

Ned Ehrbar: Um...

SRL: Show me your guard. [Ned stands up, puts up his fists.] You're a southpaw?

NE: No, I'm right-handed. [Ned switches position.]

SRL: Stand your regular way. OK, OK. Now jab. [Ned punches.]

No, jab. [Ned punches again.] That's your right hand. You're supposed to jab with your left.

NE: Oh, right. [Ned punches with his left hand. Sugar Ray laughs.]

SRL: When I say jab, I don't want you to do this. [punches slowly] If you did that to me, I'd see it coming a mile away. I had time to go to the bathroom before that

punch lands. It's like this. [Sugar Ray throws a quick succession of jabs.] Speed is relaxing. Speed is like... [Sugar Ray hits Ned in the gut three times.] That's the key. It's having the ability to relax and just let your hands go. I mean, naturally you're a big, strong guy...

NE: Well, I'm big.

SRL: Right. [laughs] Power comes from speed, you know what I mean? But you? You're OK. But don't over-think it. It's like, visualize sneaking up on someone. That's the movement. But then you have to keep working at it and keep working at it until it becomes natural.

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Jagger gets off his cloud

🎯 Frontman takes a break from Stones and an artistic risk with all-star group

Mick Jagger and Eurythmics founder Dave Stewart acknowledge that they took a gamble when they decided to form their all-star band, SuperHeavy. They had no idea if all the group's members, which include soulful singer-songwriter Joss Stone, Oscar-winning composer A.R. Rahman and reggae singer Damian Marley, would even have chemistry.

"We were just making music and if we didn't like it, we wouldn't use it," Stewart said.

"We just did it because we wanted to do an experiment, and that got developed and more and more developed until in the end, this record appeared."

The result is a 12-track, self-titled album with a sound the group's members say cannot be placed into any specific genre.

Jagger's legend was formed with the Rolling Stones and other successful musical collaborations, but he says none of that can be compared to his experience with SuperHeavy.

"Every time you get into a room even with the same people, it is different because people come up with different things. It was a really interesting collaboration. To be honest it was easy. It was really easy because we got things straight away. You are very soon encouraged," he said.

Jagger, Stewart, Stone and Rahman recently sat down for an interview with The Associated Press.

What were you looking for in picking members of this group?

Jagger: One thing serious that we did think about, we didn't want people with loads of entourages and that would have too big of egos. ... It is very quickly how human beings sort of adjust to each other's temperaments and creativity. It is just like being in a cocktail party with a group of people. Either the cocktail party is going to go well or it doesn't. It depends on the vibe.

Rahman: I don't know why they called me, first of all. I thought maybe they wanted my piano playing or my keyboard, or a string arrangement.

Musically, you were all pushed, working outside of your usual genres. Mick, you rapped?

Jagger: I was just copying Damian. I do a little bit. I went toasting, we call it, but it is the same thing (as rap).

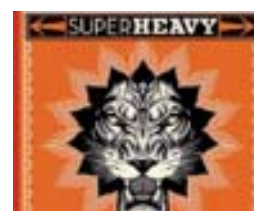
Damian was doing this really good toasting, West Indian rapping, so I thought, "I could do that. It can't be that difficult." It actually was quite difficult. With a bit of practice, it is all right. It is a laugh.

Stone: It is funny. Sometimes listening to Damian talk would give me a melody. ... It helped when I couldn't come up with anything, I would just listen to Damian and have a little chat in the corner.

What was that first recording session like, getting all of these people together with different sounds from different backgrounds?

Stewart: What is unusual is having five writers who are

songwriters, known for songwriting, all writing in the same room together at the same time. Writers are often known to be on their own, looking at the sea, out the window, with a pen or



playing piano on their own. Then you have five people all staring at each other that are all used to writing songs, but that have to do it in front of each other now.

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COMING UP WITH A BAND NAME IS NO EASY TASK

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One of the most hideous tasks of being in a band is coming up with a name.

Consider:

1. Everyone in the band has to be happy with it. Good luck with that. Many baby bands have broken up because they couldn't agree on what to call themselves. Finding that consensus is torturous.

2. It has to be catchy, easy to remember and easy to spell. Your name is your brand, so it has to be something that captures the essence of the group's sound and image without sounding too stupid or pretentious.

3. Can you get the domain name? Before the Internet, this never used to be a problem. But if you're going to have a proper online presence, you need a proper Internet address. Oasis had to make due with Oasisinet.com (notice the extra "i" because a dating site already had Oasis.com and wasn't about to give it up.)

4. It must lend itself to good graphic design. Hey, if you can't make a cool logo from it, then you're limiting your appeal. Nine Inch Nails, Linkin Park, Led Zeppelin and the lips-and-tongue logo of the Rolling Stones are all brilliant examples.

5. And, most importantly, it has to be unique and unused by anyone anywhere in the world currently or in the past.



Sounds Like. State of Shock

► Metro chats with Cam & Kadooh (left) from Canadian Rock band State of Shock.

Dinner date — with whom and why?

Kadooh: Big Bird.
Cam: Humpty Dumpty. That'd be a great omelette. Or Colonel Sanders. I could go for some chicken.

What's your greatest fear?

Kadooh: Erectile dysfunction. I'm going with that.
Cam: Not a lot of fears, per se, 'cause everything's just kind of a risk in life, and I guess if you don't try it you're not gonna learn what not to do and what not to try.

But I guess losing a loved one is my biggest fear.



To view Metro's interview with Cam & Kadooh, visit metronews.ca/scene

What's your idea of a perfect day?

Cam: Somewhere on tour in front of a lot fans, playing a great show and having everyone singing back at you. Just having a good time — sitting back with the band and having some beers, probably poolside somewhere.

Where do you find inspiration?

Kadooh: Day-to-day life and people along the way.
Cam: Fans coming up to you after shows and saying that a particular song really meant something to them.

What's the last thing you say to yourself before a show?

Cam: Too late now!
Kadooh: Good luck.

Your last meal — what is it?

Cam: Chocolate. Everything chocolate. Chocolate cake, chocolate ice cream ... 'cause at that point, the intolerance doesn't matter.

Southern rock with breathing space

► Don't compare them to The Kings of Leon or The Avett Brothers — NeedToBreathe has its own unique style

NeedToBreathe has a problem with preconceived notions.

The band is a brother act from the Carolinas known to favour the banjo — but they're not The Avett Brothers.

ers.

Bear and Bo Rinehart are the sons of a preacher who started playing music in church. But they're not The Kings of Leon.

The release of their

fourth album, *The Reckoning*, should clear things up.

The album debuted at No. 6 on the all-genre Billboard 200 this week with 48,500 copies sold and is something of a mission

statement for a group looking to make its mark on the wider consciousness.

They love Southern rock and want to be identified that way. They've been conscious of putting their own

stamp on their sound.

"We've always hated being pigeonholed in some way," Bear, 30, said.

"Mainly because we're worried about the future. We don't want to put a record out where people are expecting a certain thing, they get something else and they're not willing to go with us on the journey. That's the thing for us, trying to develop fans who believe in the band rather than the one song or the genre."

Comparisons weigh on the band and it was among the things foremost on their minds when they entered they crafted the album's 14 songs.

They put a great deal of pressure on themselves,

hoping to make their own version of a classic album — something like *Damn the Torpedoes* by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers or *Rumours* by Fleetwood Mac.

The goal led to very familiar family bickering.

"We still fight a tremendous amount, I would say," Bear said. "We were fighting just before we came in here," the 29-year-old Bo joked.

"You're working with family — especially with me and Bo writing the songs. So it's an artistic thing and I think you'd get into an argument with anybody. Currently, they're in the midst of a six-month tour opening for Taylor Swift. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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► Members of the band NeedToBreathe (from left), Seth Bolt, Bo Rinehart, Bear Rinehart, and Joe Stillwell, pose for a photo in Nashville, Tenn.

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► James Blake's booming bass of dubstep, blended with minimalistic writing, resonates with the masses



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The first thing you notice when you hear James Blake play live is that he is a compelling songwriter. The next thing you probably notice is a sub-bass sound so deep that it will make your insides swim.

You played so many different festivals this summer. Do you ever check out other acts?

I was fascinated by Odd Future at SXSW.

To me, it looked like that festival kind of broke them. They did really well to show people what they can do.

I saw them twice. The second time it took me a while to get in. It was like ridiculous hype, to the point that I don't think I've

ever seen before.

Some might argue that the hype around you is close.

I just think it's a different kind of hype. It's gone at different speeds and I think they're burning at a different temperature.

It has been interesting to watch the online thermometer, so to speak. There was the hype and then there was the backlash ... I loved the backlash. It was really cool.

Oh yeah? Why?

Because once the backlash happened, there was a backlash against the backlash, and it was really interesting to see. To be honest though, I'm not really part of it. I think that's what I've liked about it.

You don't have a Google Alert with your name?

I don't think anyone can

say they've never done that, but I think it just matters so little to the creation of music what six million Internet people think that it didn't really bother me too much.

But from what people told me, for every negative thing that was written, there were about 100 positive things.

There are so few lyrics in your

songs. After performing them over and over for the past year, do you get ... Bored?

No, I wasn't going to say that, I swear. Do you find you get

something entirely different out of the few words?

I love it, actually, because singing something that is so distilled means that you have to really care about it while you're singing it.

► Blake is shown at the Barclaycard Mercury Prize earlier this month.



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Is Demi headed back to real-life Cougar Town?

► Reports say Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher's marriage is almost done

Simpson's wedding 'up in the air,' says source

The November date of Jessica Simpson's planned wedding to Eric Johnson is reportedly in doubt, and while it's thought her rumoured pregnancy could be the reason, it's just as likely indecisiveness on the bride's part.

"Everything is up in the air," a source tells Us Weekly.

"She can't figure out what kind of day she wants. Some days she wants a big wedding in Hawaii, then other days she wants something closer to home."

And as for those pregnancy rumours? Simpson hasn't done anything to refute them on Twitter, as she has in the past, and during Johnson's recent birthday bash, she sent back a glass of champagne during a toast, according to sources.

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► Jessica Simpson

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Does Jay know what girls like?

Beyoncé admits that her pregnancy might be driving a wedge between her and husband Jay-Z — at least where his cologne is concerned.

"I smell everything," she tells ET Canada.

"If it smells bad, I smell it. My husband's fragrance, his one that I always love, I hate right now."

And while the pop star claims to not know the sex of the baby, sources tell Us Weekly that the couple has already picked out some pink Louboutin baby



► Jay-Z

booties — and a name.

"Jay told his sister to order a whole wardrobe of

baby-girl clothes," a source tells Us Weekly.

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The marriage between Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher is reportedly all but over, with just a potential \$290 million divorce battle standing in their way, according to Star magazine.

Kutcher's alleged frolicking in San Diego last weekend — during their sixth anniversary — was apparently the last straw.

"Ashton was a serial cheater, and Demi just couldn't take it anymore. She didn't deserve to live that way. It's a painful time for Demi," a source says.

"It was definitely a long time coming, but they're finally done for good."

And if the couple's recent trip to New York was any indication, the split has been in the works.

"As far as I know, Demi ended up staying at her place on the Upper West Side and Ashton was (at the hotel) by himself," a source says.

"It was obvious to everyone around them that things were completely over between them and that they are just putting on a show until they officially split." ● METRO

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► Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore

ScarJo still upset over photo leak

Scarlett Johansson is still fuming over the phone hacking that led to nude pictures of the Avengers star being leaked online.

"Just because you're an actor or make films or whatever, doesn't mean you're not entitled to your own personal privacy," she tells CNN.

"If that is sieged in some way, it feels unjust. It feels wrong."

Johansson isn't necessarily complaining about

her fame, but she thinks there are limits.

"It's an adjustment, but I think there are certain instances where you give a lot of yourself and finally you have to kind of put your foot down and say, 'Oh wait, I'm taking it back,'" she says.

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Scarlett Johansson

Recreating Rioja's vibe



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If you love wine and have never been to Spain, you need to pack your corkscrew and go. I raved earlier this year after my first visit but, you know what, I just can't stop.

Wine to the Spaniards is like beer to us Canadians — especially in the country's most famous grape growing region of Rioja. You hit the town with your peeps, pick a local wine bar, have a glass of red along with a little tapas then move on the next spot and repeat.

You can recreate the vibe at home. The internet has dozens of sites dedicated to simple tapas recipes and well-made Rioja wines are easy to find.

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Egg Salad Creatures

Make silly creatures or faces with a mound of egg salad and some imagination. Use whatever edibles you have growing in the garden or extras in the fridge to fashion sprout hair, olive eyes, pickle noses and maybe even a cucumber moustache.

Set out garnishes and let the kids get creative by making their own variations of the faces and body parts of the little creatures.

Creature Garnish

Here are decoration ideas for Egg Salad Creatures.

- **Hair**
Grated or string cheese, grated carrots, sprouts or curly lettuce
- **Eyes**
Olives, cucumber, pickle slices or raisins
- **Nose**
Slice of gherkin, pickle, pieces of carrot
- **Mouth**
Wedge of cherry tomato, carrot or celery stick
- **Ears**
Sliced cucumber or tomato
- **Whiskers or antennae**
Carrot or celery sticks or sweet pepper strips



► Make two creatures with this recipe.

Preparation:

- 1** Peel and finely chop hard-cooked eggs and place in mixing bowl. Add mayonnaise, mustard, and salt; stir gently together until combined.
- 2** Mound egg salad in two round scoops on plates.
- 3** Using pieces of vegetables, cheese, olives, pickles, etc., make features or body parts, create silly creatures or faces. (To make creature and face in photo, use

cucumber slices for ears or body scales; wedge of cherry tomato for mouth; pieces of carrot for whiskers or tail; piece of string cheese for hair; raisins and

sliced gherkins or olives for eyes; and cherry tomato or piece of cucumber for nose.) Serve with crackers.

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Ingredients:

- 4 hard-cooked eggs, peeled
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) salad dressing
- 5 ml (1 tsp) prepared yellow mustard
- Salt, to taste
- 1 small cucumber, cut into

10 slices

- 2 cherry tomatoes
- 1 baby carrot, cut into thin matchstick pieces
- 1 piece (2.5 cm/1 inch) string cheese
- 2 raisins
- 2 slices gherkin or small pickle
- 2 slices olive

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Statement game for Huskies against Axemen

- The Huskies are ranked No. 7 in the country ► Acadia isn't in top 10
- Showers in forecast for Saturday's game ► To be aired live on Eastlink TV



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The Saint Mary's Huskies feel they have something to prove this weekend.

Not just to the Atlantic conference but to the entire country.

"Even though we've had a fairly mediocre schedule besides Montreal, we're going to show the country that we can play with the top teams," rookie quarterback Jesse Mills declared.

One of those top teams is coming to town Saturday as Saint Mary's hosts the unbeaten Acadia Axemen at Huskies Stadium at 2 p.m.

For the Huskies (2-1), sandwiched between two lopsided victories over the winless Mount Allison Mounties was a tough 11-10 setback to the CIS' fourth-ranked Montreal Carabins in Quebec two weeks ago.

In that game, Saint Mary's had a chance to win it in the final minute of play, but a 43-yard field-goal attempt was no good.

As for the Axemen (3-0), they have outscored their opponents 114-33, including a 38-9 home win against the Bishop Gaiters (1-3) on Sept. 17.

But in a preseason encounter between Saint



► Saint Mary's quarterbacks Jesse Mills, left, and Mackenzie Blewett practise at Huskies Stadium on Wednesday.

Mary's and Acadia at Huskies Stadium on Sept. 3, the Axemen were hammered 52-3.

"They're a good team. They're going to be tough," Huskies defensive lineman Rob Jubenville said of Acadia. "We're expecting it to be a close game."

Defence has been a key strength for the Huskies. Opposing offences have

"With the home crowd behind us, I think that's going to give us an advantage."

HUSKIES QUARTERBACK JESSE MILLS

only found the end zone twice in three regular season games and have accumulated 541 total yards, which works out to 180

per game.

Jubenville, in his fourth year at Saint Mary's, leads the defensive charge with a conference-high 21.5 tackles.

"It's just the attention to detail," Jubenville said about the Huskies defence. "Just every little aspect, every little thing, every little block (opposing teams do) we go over in film."

Mills settles in role as No. 1 pivot

He's an 18-year-old rookie leading one of the country's top university football programs.

But Jesse Mills' confidence is growing every day as he settles into being the No. 1 quarterback with the Saint Mary's Huskies.

"I'm definitely getting more comfortable and I think the guys are starting to trust me a bit more," said Mills, who is from Armdale and is a graduate of Citadel High School football program.

Mills was named the team's No. 1 pivot following a season-opening game that saw Huskies coach Steve Sumarah go with three different quarterbacks.

Against Mount Allison last week, Mills had his best game with the Huskies, finishing 14-of-19 for 285 yards and one touchdown.

Helping also in that 60-6 triumph was a Saint Mary's running attack that accumulated 345 yards.

"It definitely takes the pressure off when you know you have so much depth at running back," he said. **PHILIP CROUCHER**

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► Sidney Crosby, left, skates during a drill with goalie Brad Thiessen during the first day of training camp in Pittsburgh on Sept. 17.

Crosby plans to travel but likely won't play

► Crosby expects to be with Penguins on opening road swing unless doctors hold him for rehab in Pittsburgh

Sidney Crosby wouldn't miss a trip to Western Canada, even if he almost certainly won't play.

Crosby, who last played Jan. 5, still hasn't been cleared for contact during practice — a necessary step before he can resume his career.

Because Crosby would miss two practices and three game-day skates if he doesn't make the trip, he is expected to travel unless his doctors decide they want him to continue his rehabilitation in Pittsburgh.

The Penguins leave Tuesday to play in Vancouver on

Oct. 6, Calgary on Oct. 8 and Edmonton on Oct. 9.

"We'll be starting with everybody going on the trip that's part of our group that's with us at that time," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said Thursday. "Unless their rehab needs to be at a facility that's not part of the trip, they'll be going on the trip with us. So I anticipate that to be the case for Sid."

While Crosby still hasn't received the go-ahead to absorb hits in practice, he isn't discouraged by his recovery time — and is encouraged by his progress since training camp began.

After being forced to halt some conditioning drills when his post-concussion symptoms recurred during the summer, he has been symptom-free throughout camp. He has gone at full speed during all drills, and at a 100 per cent exertion rate.

"Everything seems to be coming slowly, but I think that each day all of that gets better and better," Crosby said. "It's tough. I'm kind of going based on December of last year and how I felt. I'm not going to get to that level this week."

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Canadiens shut out by Lightning

Steven Stamkos and Brett Connolly each scored twice and Dwayne Roloson continued his strong pre-season play as the Tampa Bay Lightning

shut out the Montreal Canadiens 4-0 Thursday.

Roloson made 24 saves for the Lightning's (3-2-0) win. Peter Budaj stopped 30 shots for Montreal (1-6-0), suffering his second loss of the pre-season.

The Canadiens' had chances. Michael Cammalleri hit the post in the first period on a two-

on-one with Tomas Plekanec. He later was ready for a break at the Lightning blue-line from P.K. Subban, but the puck bounced over his stick.

The two teams wrap up their pre-season schedules on Saturday night when they meet again in Quebec City.

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Banana tosser 'mortified': Lawyer

A London, Ont., man who threw a banana at a black hockey player was only trying to keep his

favourite team in the game and had no idea his actions could be construed as racist, his lawyer said Thursday.

Faisal Joseph said Chris Moorhouse is "mortified" and overcome with remorse for the incident.

Joseph said Moorhouse, 26, was caught up in the drama of

a shootout between the Detroit Red Wings and Philadelphia when he lobbed a banana at Flyers forward Wayne Simmonds on Sept. 22.

Joseph said Moorhouse freely confessed to throwing the fruit. He had no idea that hurling bananas at black athletes could be seen as racially motivat-

ed, said Joseph in a telephone interview.

Moorhouse was charged Wednesday with engaging in a prohibited activity, an offence under the provincial Trespass to Property Act rather than the Criminal Code. If convicted, he faces a maximum fine of \$2,000.

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► Josh Barrett, left, and Jerod Mayo of the Patriots celebrate a stop against the Chargers Sept. 18 in Foxboro, Mass.

Pats' defence lagging early to start season

► Unit stuck with stopping Raiders running back McFadden on Sunday

It's no secret the New England Patriots defence has struggled to stop the pass this season.

Linebacker Jerod Mayo didn't lay out any excuses for it, either.

"I think we have great players on our defence," he said. "At the same time, we have to go out and prove it on Sundays. Up to this point we really haven't done that. The numbers are what they are. We have to go out and try to change those numbers."

"No matter how good you think you are, the numbers don't lie."

Neither do Darren McFadden's.

The Oakland Raiders' (2-1) bruising running back leads the league with 393 yards and was the driving force in the Raiders' 34-24 win over the New York Jets last Sunday. McFadden piled up 171 yards and scored twice, including a 70-yard run in the second quarter, one of five 20 yards or more this season, tied for tops in the NFL.

"He's in a world of his own," Patriots defensive end Andre Carter.

The six-foot-two, 210-pound McFadden poses yet another trying test this

377

The Patriots rank last in the NFL in defending the pass, allowing 377 yards per game.

week for the New England defence.

So, the question is, stop the pass or slow the run? The Patriots (2-1) are prepared to do both.

"It could go either way," Carter said. "A football game's like a roller coaster, you'll have highs and lows."

"If one thing doesn't work they'll try to air it out, or vice versa. If they're trying to air it out and being unsuccessful, try and run the ball. It's always important to stop the run."

That's one facet the Patriots have somewhat succeeded at this season.

Surrendering 91.7 yards a game, New England (92-1) has yet to allow a 100-yard rusher, although Buffalo's Fred Jackson amassed a combined 167 yards — 87 of that coming on five catches — in the Bills' stunning 34-31 victory over the Patriots last week.

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Red Sox share the blame

► General manager, coach say they saw signs of trouble leading to collapse
► Entire organization to blame, GM Epstein says as inquiry begins

Theo Epstein wasn't pointing fingers Thursday.

The Boston Red Sox GM said there was plenty of blame to go around after the club's epic meltdown cost it an American League wild card berth. Epstein said the entire organization shoulders the responsibility for the team blowing a nine-game lead in 25 days and promised his full effort in figuring out what went wrong.

"The bottom line is, we failed. And our owners deserve better, the fans deserve better and we have to fix it," Epstein said. "We're going to take a look in the mirror and see

if we're the ones to fix it."

The Red Sox led the AL East for much of the season and held a nine-game lead over the Tampa Bay Rays in the wild-card race on the morning of Sept. 4. But Boston went 7-20 in September to blow the lead and miss the playoffs entirely.

But the collapse wasn't complete until closer Jonathan Papelbon blew a one-run lead with one strike to go against Baltimore on Wednesday night and the Orioles won 4-3.

Minutes later, the Rays completed their comeback from a 7-0 deficit against the New York Yankees and clinched the wild-card berth.

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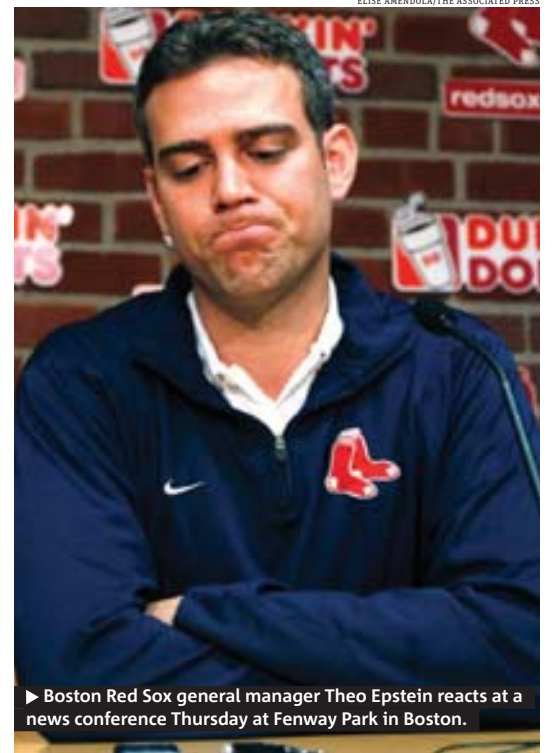
Francona said he called a team meeting earlier in the month in Toronto — even after a 14-0 win. He did not specify what he saw, but said "normally, as a season progresses, there's events that make you care about each other."

"With this team, it didn't happen as much as I wanted it to. I was frustrated about that," he

said. "You don't need a team that wants to go out to dinner together."

"But you need a team that wants to protect each other on the field and be fiercely loyal to each other on the field."

Epstein said everything will be evaluated over the off-season, including the front office and coaching staff. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Boston Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein reacts at a news conference Thursday at Fenway Park in Boston.

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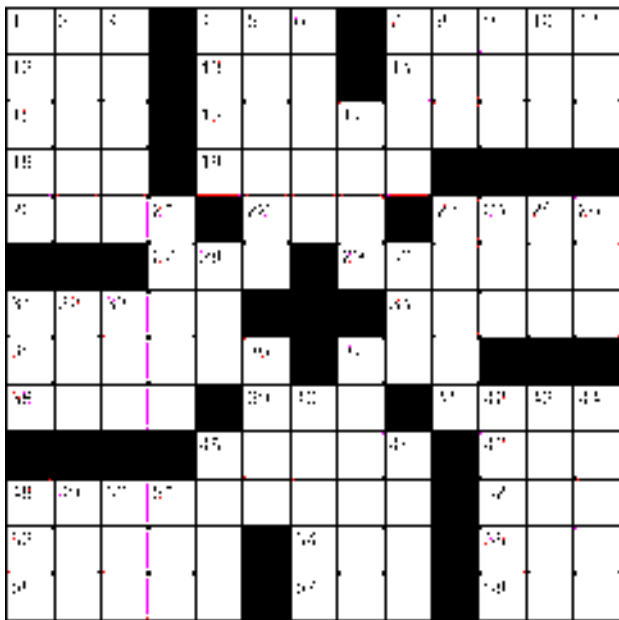
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Across

- 1 Vanna's cohort
- 4 Chance
- 7 Eucalyptus eater
- 12 UN workers' agcy.
- 13 Geological period
- 14 "The Age of Anxiety" poet
- 15 Back talk
- 16 Ice cream type
- 18 "The — Daba Hon-eymoon"
- 19 Good, in Guadala-jara
- 20 Effervescence
- 22 "No seats"
- 23 Instrument of Marxism?
- 27 Anger
- 29 Hot dog
- 31 Popeye's burger-eating pal
- 34 City boss
- 35 Skipped a big wedding
- 37 Stick out
- 38 Ticklish Muppet
- 39 Acapulco gold
- 41 Go nowhere
- 45 Speak sheepishly?
- 47 Coloration
- 48 Movie cowboy who voiced Mister Ed
- 52 Grecian vessel
- 53 Anticipate
- 54 "CSI" evidence
- 55 Wrestling surface
- 56 Tubular pasta
- 57 Sweet potato
- 58 Shell game need
- Down**
- 1 Rice recipe
- 2 Suspect's excuse
- 3 November birth-

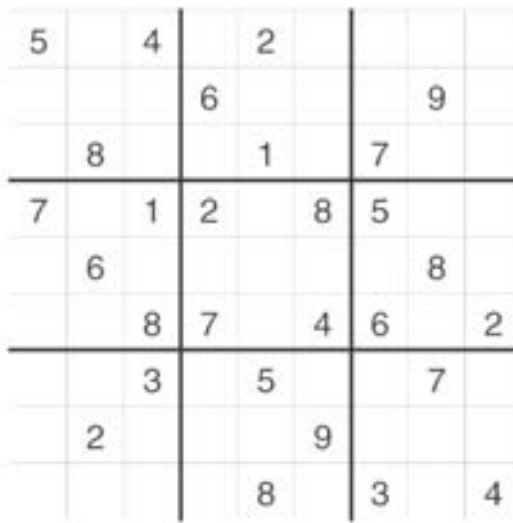


- stone
- 4 KFC additive
- 5 Stir up
- 6 Indiana basket-
- 7 Deck in the ring
- 8 "— Town"
- 9 Big fuss
- 10 Meadow
- 11 Moreover
- 17 Recognize
- 21 Lighter brand
- 23 Preliminary matches
- 24 Whatever number
- 25 Carnival city
- 26 For one
- 28 Catcher's place?
- 30 Ostrich's cousin
- 31 Infinitesimal
- 32 Under the weather
- 33 Off-tattooed word
- 36 Barbie, e.g.
- 37 Cassidy or Kerns
- 40 Prepared
- 42 Blunt blow
- 43 Emanations
- 44 Busybody
- 45 Computer memory unit
- 46 Side
- 48 Eminem's genre
- 49 Have bills
- 50 Tuna container
- 51 Family

► Yesterday's answer



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BGE

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You won't find it hard to persuade those you live and work with to see things your way today.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You must be careful today about taking on new duties and responsibilities.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 This is by any standards one of the very best times of the year for you. Be first and be the best.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The problem you'll be confronted with today is one you've dealt with before. Learn from the past.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Today's Sun-Mars link could herald the start of a new and exciting phase romantically. Be passionate!

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You seem to have a secret admirer. This can be turned to your advantage.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The challenges ahead of you may be daunting but you will come through them all with ease.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Today, you will be happier working behind the scenes than getting up in front of lots of people.

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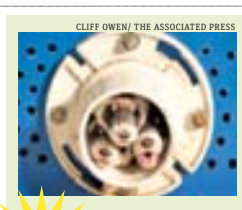
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Get together with people who share your aims and ideals to start putting your big ideas into action.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 The more you assert yourself, the more others will assume it is the natural way of things.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Today, at home and at work, you will shine like never before.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You may be tempted to own up to an indiscretion, but is it the best decision? **SALLY BROMPTON**

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